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Subject : REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE(INDIA) - TROOP LOCATIONS - POONA AREA

Your 3893 G of 1 Sep 45, i.e. paras 1 and 2 of Comd 110 Area's covering note "VISIT OF REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE (INDIA)".

General 1. I forward herewith a diagrammatic sketch of Area POONA / KIRKEE / AUNDH. The sketch shows the accn estimated as suitable and available for housing any postwar garrison.

2. In selecting possible accn I have only taken pre-war barracks and hutted wartime barracks - "Hutted Ancillary" type lines have been left out of my recommendations with one exception (see para 6 below).

Assumptions

3 In arriving at the accommodation to be considered available, I have made certain assumptions.

(a) That the Hutted Hospitals of AUNDH may be used for other purposes.

(b) Also, that Hospital cover in what may generally be termed the "POONA AREA" will have to be greater than before the war. Before the war the cover was for -

Two Brit Bns
Two Ind Bns
One Fd Regt
One Ind Cav Regt
} Plus

The picture now looks like not less than seven Bns, more Arty and many more HQ Units.

(c) That the DECCAN College and hutments in its grounds will not be available.

(d) That married accn for all ranks will be built.

(e) That the Holiday Home accn will disappear.

(f) That the T.B. Hospital at present in AUNDH will not stay there if general considerations suggest it should be moved.

(g) That the Amputee Hospital will fade out in 1946.

Accommodation

4 (a) At Appx 'A' is a list of pre-war accn, major units, which is considered to be unavailable for this planning. Reasons are stated.

SERIAL NUMBERS IN APPENDICES REFER TO NUMBERS ON SKETCH

(b) At Appendix 'B' is the available balance and in this connection see Para 2 above. Suggestions for its allocation are made.

5 Examination of Appx 'B' shows that Div HQs with certain Div Units and with HQ RA, RE, RIASC, IEME, IAMC, Pro, have not been fully catered for, nor have a Corps HQ or any Corps Units.

Reference para 5, the accn for Div HQ etc might be found by either -

(a) Allocating part of DHOND Hutted Camp which is electrically lit throughout and in good condition

OR

(b) Building up, say URULI or PASHAN. The former is some 18 miles outside POONA and would relieve congestion in POONA, not only of troops generally but of Headquarters in particular. There will be Command HQ, Sub Area HQ and an Inf Bde HQ in any case. URULI is now a Bde Camp with water laid on, into every kitchen and has possibilities.

DEHU is an alternative which might be explored.

If 6(b) was considered feasible - it is for consideration whether DHOND would be suitable for a Corps HQ. NASIK however would be a more attractive location - with certain Corps Troops at DHOND.

Apart from accn listed in Appx 'A' and 'B', there is more, the availability of the greater part of which depends on the future of Ordnance and E.M.E. installations. It is felt it should be used to improve prewar facilities for those institutions.

To summarise
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(a) I have definitely allocated an Inf Bde to accn.

Bde HQ
Bde Sigs
A Bn
B Bn
C Bn
Bde Sup Sec
Bde LAD

(b) I have allocated certain Div units to the remainder of the accn thought to be at all suitable.

Two Regts RA
Ind Fd Pk Coy
Three Fd Coys
Div Recce Bn
Div MG Bn
Corps Armoured Unit *
Div Tpt Coy
Div A.T. Coy
Fd Hyg Sec
Three Fd Ambs
Two Ind Wksp Coys
Ind Rec Coy

(*- or other suitable unit)

(c) But I have not been able to cover all Div Units, nor Div HQ as a whole other than by tentative proposals to build on existing Camp sites.

Div HQ	Div RIASC HQ	Div HQ Bn
Div Sigs	Div IEME HQ	Div Pro
Div Arty HQ	Ind Fd Regt	Sub Pk OFP
Div Engr HQ	Ind Mtn Regt	F.S. Sec

(d) Clearly I have not catered for Corps requirements.

(e) If building vide (c) is agreed to, I most strongly urge that the opportunity be taken NOT to clutter up POONA itself but to go wider i.e. URULI or DEHU and there make provision for those Units / HQs enumerated in (c).